

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Peter D. BREWER) Examiner: Thanhha S. Pham
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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT) Date: May 4, 2007
REMOVING METHOD")

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Applicant submits an amendment and reply pursuant to 37 CF.R. § 1.114 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2007. A response to this Office Action was initially due to be filed, without extension of time, no later than April 10, 2007. A petition for an extension of time of one month and the fee for a one-month extension accompany this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks and the accompanying supplemental declaration of Applicant Peter Brewer. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

Proposed amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.